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SUMMARY: CONFERENCE HAS DECIDED TO CALL RESUMED SESSION
OF 2-3 WEEKS IN MARCH 1974 TO CONCLUDE ALL WORK. MEANWHILE THIS
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SESSION WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING SO AS TO COMPLETE

AS MUCH DRAFTING AND REMOVE AS MANY SQUARE BRACKETS
AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

1. LATE MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, COORDINATOR OF GROUP B
(DE GROOT, NETHERLANDS) APPROACHED PRESIDENT CONCERNING
REMAINING SCHEDULED PERIOD OF MEETING AND EXPRESSED
SERIOUS DOUBT THAT CONFERENCE COULD CONCLUDE WORK BY FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 14. SUBSEQUENTLY SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE BY GROUP OF
77 FOR EXTENSION OF MEETING.

2. FOLLOWING DAY, SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT GROUP B MEETING.
FOR A VARIETY OF PRACTICAL REASONS, GROUP B COUNTRIES
WERE UNANIMOUS IN OPPOSING ANY EXTENSION OF MEETING, WHILE
AGREEING THAT WORK COULD NOT BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.
THEY FAVORED RESUMED SESSION SOMETIME IN 1974. MOST B DELEGATIONS
PREFERRED THAT THIS SESSION NOT BE CONCLUDED BY A RESOLUTION, MERELY
SUMMING UP BY PRESIDENT.

3. SAME DAY (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11) GROUP B COORDINATOR CONVEYED
THIS VIEW TO PRESIDENT, OTHER CONFERENCE OFFICIALS, AND SECRETARIAT
INDICATING HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT TO EXTENSION
OF MEETING. LONG DISCUSSION AMONG 77, GROUP D,
SECRETARIAT AND CONFERENCE OFFICIALS FOLLOWED CAUSING CANCELLATION
OF ALL WORKING SESSIONS.

4. THE FIFTH PLENARY OF THE CONFERENCE CONVENED AT 10 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, AT WHICH THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED OVERALL
AGREEMENT OF FUTURE WORK:

A. CONFERENCE WILL EXTEND THROUGH LATE SATURDAY
SO THAT AS MUCH OF REMAINING DRAFTING AS POSSIBLE
CAN BE FINISHED;

B. THE CONFERENCE WILL RESUME IN MARCH TAKING
PLACE OF SCHEDULED TWO-WEEK SHIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING,
BUT WILL PROBABLY LAST TOTAL OF THREE WEEKS.

5. THE DRAFTING GROUPS OF COMMITTEES II AND III WILL
MEET ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (12 AND 13 DECEMBER)
AND ON FRIDAY, THE COMMITTEES WILL MEET IN PLENARY
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TO ADOPT TEXTS (MUCH OF WHICH WILL REMAIN WITHIN
SQUARE BRACKETS), AND FINAL PLENARY OF
CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY. COMMITTEE I MET
IN PLENARY ON WEDNESDAY, ADJOURNED AFTER BRIEF STATE-
MENTS OF POSITION BY THREE GROUP SPOKESMEN,
AND ADJOURNED TO MEET AGAIN DURING RESUMED SESSION.

6. ON SATURDAY, CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT

RESOLUTION WHICH WILL REFER TO RESUMED SESSION AND INDICATED THAT, AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION, THOSE PARAGRAPHS OF CODE WHICH HAVE CLEAN TEXTS WILL NOT BE REOPENED AT RESUMED SESSION. WHILE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, PRESIDENT SEEMS TO INTEND TO FORMALIZE IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENT THAT SOME GROUP B COUNTRIES ACCEPT HIS "PACKAGE" (SEE GENEVA 6488) AND SOME GROUP B COUNTRIES DO NOT. U.S. HAS STATED RESERVATIONS ON PRESIDENT'S PACKAGE ALTHOUGH INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED ON BASIS OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AS WORKING HYPOTHESIS.

7. DURING INTERIM, SECRETARIAT WILL CLEAN UP AGREED TEXTS FROM A LEGAL DRAFTING POINT OF VIEW. SHIPPING COMMITTEE CANCELLED FOR MARCH, MAY BE HELD IN PLACE OF T.C.M. MEETING CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER 1974.BASSIN

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